



City Connection



CITY OF COLUMBIA'S 1ST GO RED FASHION SHOW

The City of Columbia to host inaugural Go Red Fashion Show. Help honor and support the women affected by heart disease, the #1 killer of women, at the Go Red Fashion Show. Proceeds will go to benefit the American Heart Association. Tickets cost \$25 and can be purchased at City Hall, 1737 Main Street.

WHO: Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine is the host for this event. The fashion show will also feature celebrity models, a "City Kids" segment and attire from local retail sponsors. The grand finale will feature fashions by Sergio Hudson, a nationally renowned designer and winner of "Styled to Rock".

WHERE: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street.

WHEN: Friday, February 27, 2015 at 6 p.m.

For more information visit columbiasc.net or call Public Relations at 803-545-3020.



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City Talk

City Talk is now on Sound Cloud!

Tune in to this week's episode to hear:



Guests:

- **Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine**
- **Krystal Overmyer, Red Cross, External Communications Manager**

Topics:

- **Go Red Fashion Show**
- **Blood Drive**

Listen here:



Watch here:



For more information about today's topic, contact the Public Relations Department at 803-545-3020.



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THE FIRST TEE OF COLUMBIA SPRING GOLF CLINIC FOR CHILDREN

The First Tee of Columbia at the James E. Clyburn Golf Center will hold a Spring Golf Clinic for children ages 5-17. The golf center is located at 2091 Slighs Avenue.



WHAT: Peewees

WHEN: Thursdays from 5:15-6:15 p.m./ Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
AGES: 5-6 FEE: \$15

WHAT: Player/Par

WHEN: Wednesdays from 5:15-6:30 p.m./ Saturdays from 10:45-12 p.m.
AGES: 7-17 FEE: \$35

No equipment is needed. Financial scholarships are available for those who qualify and the golf center is offering a sibling discount. The deadline to register is Friday, March 6, 2015.

For more information, please contact the James E. Clyburn Golf Center at 803-255-8920 or visit www.TheFirstTeeColumbia.org.

REGISTRATION PERIOD OPEN FOR ADULT SPRING SPORTS

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations for Spring Adult Sports in softball and kickball. Participants age 18 and over have the opportunity to play, practice good sportsmanship and expand their athletic skills in these city-wide leagues.

Registrations are as follow:

Adult Law League Softball

FEE: \$300 per team

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 6

SEASON BEGINS: Games start the week of March 17

COACHES MEETING: There will be a coaches meeting on March 17 at 6 p.m. at Earlewood Park Community Center.

Games will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights

To download a registration form, visit the Parks and Recreation Department's "Athletics" page online. Registration forms are also available at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 1111 Parkside Drive.

The registration form and payment must be returned to the Parks and Recreation Administration Office. Make checks and money orders payable to the City of Columbia.

For more information, please call Parks & Recreation at 803-545-3100 or email cetaylor@columbiasc.net.



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The Week Ahead

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CITY YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL EXPO

Registration for the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department's Youth Baseball and Girls Softball Program is underway.

Boys and girls ages 9-14 can participate in the program. Age levels are: 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. The fee to participate is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

The last day to register is March 7, 2015. The Youth Baseball and Girls Softball season begins April 6, 2015. Games will be played at the following parks: Greenview, Hyatt, Lorick, Pinehurst, King, Earlewood and Valencia. (Locations are subject to change.)

The Parks & Recreation Department is also hosting a Baseball and Softball Expo on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 12-4 p.m. The expo will feature games, player and coaches clinics, giveaways, guest speakers including Tampa Bay Rays Nick Ciuffo and more. Volunteer coaches are needed for this year's baseball and softball program. If interested in being a coach, please call 803-545-3100.

Registration for City Sluggers, the Parks and Recreation Department's instructional youth baseball program, is now open for boys and girls ages 4-8.

The program is an opportunity for youth to have fun and learn baseball fundamentals. [Children ages 4-6 (T-ball) and children ages 7 and 8 (Coaches Pitch)].

The fee to participate is \$25 per participant. Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

The last day to register is March 7, 2015. League play begins April 6, 2015.

To download a registration form, [click here](#).

Registration forms are also available at any City recreation center or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office located at 1111 Parkside Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

For more information, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at 803-545-3100 or email sariley@columbiasc.net.



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COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO BECOME LOCAL LIFESAVER

This basketball season, Mayor Steve Benjamin, the city of Columbia and the American Red Cross invite you to join a lifesaving team by giving blood. The fifth annual Columbia Lifesavers “Hoop it Up” blood drive is **7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln St.**

Over the years, the Columbia Lifesavers blood drive has resulted in 1,154 pints donated, potentially helping to save the lives of 3,462 individuals.



“We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Mayor Benjamin, the city of Columbia and the American Red Cross South Carolina Blood Services Region Board of Directors to raise awareness in the Columbia community about the need for blood,” said Ryan Corcoran, Community CEO for the American Red Cross South Carolina Blood Services Region. “The Columbia Lifesavers blood drive is a wonderful opportunity for us to work together to save lives. Every pint of blood collected is a chance to help three patients in need.”

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. There is no substitute. Hospitals and patients depend on the generosity of volunteer blood donors. The entire donation process takes only about an hour and in that short time, blood donors can score a potentially lifesaving three-pointer: Each donation can help save the lives up to three patients.

“Every year I’m blown away by how many people come out to participate in this wonderful initiative and we expect this year to be better than ever,” Mayor Benjamin said. “This event helps save lives because every two seconds someone needs blood somewhere in America. There’s only one place to get it: volunteers like you.”

All presenting donors will receive a Red Cross T-shirt, a basketball stress reliever and a bag of Starbucks coffee, while supplies last.

For more information or to schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code famouslyhot.



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ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCIES FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The City of Columbia is seeking persons to serve on a variety of boards and commissions. Participation is another way city residents can take part in their government. Below is a list of boards and commissions that currently have vacancies.

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Seeking one (1) District 1 Applicant.

The purpose of BPAC is to advise the Mayor and City Council Members, the City of Columbia transportation planning staff; community organizations; and partners on bicycling and pedestrian issues facing the city; to work toward development of bicycle/pedestrian master plan; to represent community and constituent interests in transportation planning decisions; and to provide feedback to staff on projects relating to walking and bicycling. Current appointees need to re-apply for consideration. Term – 2 years.

Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee

Seeking four (4) Applicants for Appointment/Re-Appointment. Two (2) Applicants must in the restaurant industry and two (2) are At-Large. All applicants must reside and/or work within Columbia city limits.

This committee is tasked with reviewing applications for hospitality tax funds and making recommendations to Council for disbursement of those funds. Term – 2 years.

The term of office is two (2) years with the possibility of one (1) reappointment.

Design/Development Review Commission

Seeking one (1) Architect, one (1) Community Representative, and one (1) Realtor. Applicants must be residents on the city.

The purpose of the Design/Development Review Commission (DDRC) is to review and approve work proposed within the City's historic districts, urban design areas, and upon designated landmarks.

Term – 3 years.



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Parks and Recreation Foundation

Seeking four (4) Applicants.

Columbia Parks and Recreation Foundation enhances the leisure service opportunities in the City of Columbia by improving the scope and quality of educational and human development programs. It encourages, recruits, receives, and administers gifts, devises, and donations by deed, will or otherwise, for the advancement of the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department. Term – 3 years.

Property Maintenance Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Seeking seven (7) Applicants for Appointment/Re-Appointment who are qualified by experience and training (i.e. architect, contractor, engineer, property manager) to pass on matters pertaining to property maintenance.

The purpose of the Property Maintenance Board of Adjustment and Appeals is to hear appeals of notices or decisions issued under the International Property Maintenance Code. Term – 3 years.

Deadline – Applications are due no later than March 6, 2015, 5 p.m.

For applications and more information contact Connie Lucius at (803) 545-4268 or send a request to cflucius@columbiasc.net. You can also visit our website at <https://columbiasc.gov/boards-commissions> to download an application.

THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CALLS FOR PRESENTERS AND VENDORS FOR THE 2015 SMALL BUSINESS WEEK CONFERENCE

The City of Columbia's Office of Business Opportunities is taking applications for presenters for the 2015 Small Business Week Conference on May 5-6, 2015. Potential presenters can include small business owners, contractors, manufacturers, retailers and firms. The deadline to apply is Monday, March 2, 2015 at 5 p.m.

The Office of Business Opportunities also invites businesses to serve as vendors at the 2015 Small Business Week Conference. Vendors will get a table to display their goods and services and tickets to the two-day event.

The Small Business Week Conference is an opportunity for local businesses both small and large to network with other business owners, city and county officials and subject-matter experts. To register for the 2015 Small Business Week Conference, [click here](#).

To apply to be a presenter or a vendor, visit www.columbiasc.net/obo or call 803-545-3950.



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CITY OF COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING BAND SUBMISSIONS FOR 2015 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department is accepting submissions for the 24th Summer Concert Series in Finlay Park. Concerts will be held during the months of June, July and August.

The department is seeking bands that have a diverse music repertoire. Interested bands are asked to provide an electronic media kit, which should include a recent photograph of the band, and sample music and video of the band performing. The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. Friday, February 27, 2015.

Email an electronic press kit to Kim Mitchell at kcmitchell@columbiasc.net.

Press kits can be mailed to:
City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department
Attn: Kim Mitchell (Summer Concert Series)
1111 Parkside Dr.
Columbia, SC 29203

For more information, please call the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100.

Pet of the Week



Looking for a pet? Mittens may be the one for you! Mittens is a two-year-old domestic shorthair cat. He is quiet and makes a great companion. Mittens is also neutered and microchipped.

Visit Mittens and other pets available for adoption at the Columbia Animal Shelter, 127 Humane Lane. Visit www.columbiasc.net/animal-services or call 803-776-PETS for more information.

All of our pets need loving homes! To view other animals available for adoption, visit Petfinder.com. Please refer to the ID number listed above when visiting the website.



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Make Your Hometown Your Destination This Weekend

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

LAURA SPONG: UNTITLED



New abstract pieces from Spong, who has had solo exhibitions at the Spartanburg Museum of Art, Young Harris College and a two-person exhibition with Carl Blair at the Florence dMuseum of Art.

Location: if ART Gallery – 1223 Lincoln St.

Time: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Admission: Free

Phone: 803-238-2351

Website: <http://ifartgallery.blogspot.com/>

PUZZLED INSPIRATIONS



An exhibit of paintings, sculptures and collages by Patrick Parise.

Location: City Art – 1224 Lincoln St.

Time: 5 – 8 p.m.

Admission: Free

Phone: 803-252-3616

Website: <http://www.cityartonline.com/patrick-parise/>



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Help honor and support the women affected by heart disease, the number 1 killer of women at the Go Red Fashion Show on Feb. 27. A majority of the proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association.

Location: Convention Center- 1101 Lincoln St
Time: Wine and Cheese Reception-5pm; Fashion Show- 6 p.m.

Admission: \$25

Phone- 803-545-3020

Website: columbiasc.net

“TO LIGHT A CANDLE” SCREENING



Documentary about Baha'i persecution in Iran shown as part of the nationwide campaign, Education is Not a Crime

Location: USC School of Law Auditorium – 701 Main St.

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Admission: Free

Phone: 803-414-9941

Website: <http://www.columbiamuseum.org/events/calendar>

SWAN LAKE



Swan Lake is known to be one of the greatest classical ballets - a ballet filled with magic, beauty, and grace. Mark your calendars and join us this spectacular performance.

Location: Koger Center for the Arts- 1051 Greene St.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$6, \$16, \$26, \$33

Phone: 803-251-2222

Website: <http://columbiaclassicalballet.com/>



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

SODA CITY MARKET



Come by for the season's best produce, meat, dairy, flowers and baked items from farmers, bakers, gardeners and artisans in Columbia!

Location: 1500 block of Main Street

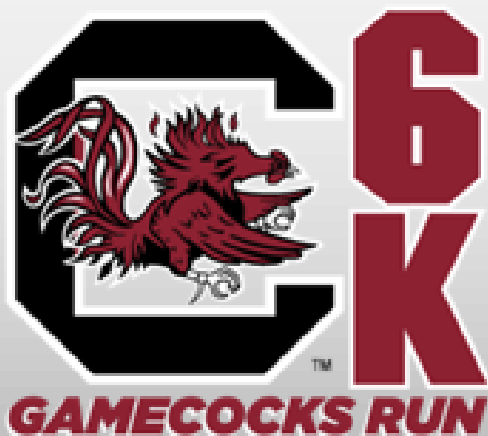
Time: 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Cost: FREE (Free entry, but prices vary for each vendor)

Phone: 803-269-3241

Website: Sodascitysc.com

GAMECOCKS RUN 6K



The Gamecocks Run 6k gives South Carolina fans, supporters and alumni an opportunity to participate in a unique health and wellness event that goes around and through famous athletic facilities and the University of South Carolina's campus.

Location: Colonial Life Arena – 801 Lincoln St.

Time: 8 a.m.

Admission: \$35 - \$45

Phone: 888-204-4178

Website: <http://gamecocksrn.com/>



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SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

FIRST CITIZENS FIRST SUNDAY



General admission to the South Carolina State Museum is only \$1 for guests on First Citizens First Sunday! For an additional price, guests can experience the museum's new planetarium and 4D theater, as well as the blockbuster exhibit, Dinosaurs: A Bite Out of Time. Learn more and get ticket information.

Location: SC State Museum – 301 Gervais St.

Time: 12 – 5 p.m.

Admission: \$1

Phone: 803-898-4921

Website: <http://scmuseum.org/calendar/first-citizens-first-sunday-2/>

COURAGE: THE VISION TO END SEGREGATION AND THE GUTS TO FIGHT FOR IT



Courage: The Vision to End Segregation and the Guts to Fight for It tells the powerful grass-roots “people story” behind the Supreme Court’s landmark Civil Rights decision Brown v. Board of Education.

Location: SC State Museum – 301 Gervais St.

Time: 12 – 5 p.m.

Admission: Included with general admission or museum membership

Phone: 803-898-4921

Website: <http://scmuseum.org/explore/exhibits/changing-exhibits/courage/>



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Save Our Fort!



WE NEED YOU TO SAVE OUR FORT!

Fort Jackson is being threatened
with headcount reductions.

What does losing HALF of the jobs at Fort Jackson mean?

- Inability to train soldiers
- \$189 million immediate economic impact
- \$2.6 billion future economic impact
- Business closures
- Jobs lost

...Columbia no longer exists as we currently know it.

Let your voice be heard!

Your presence speaks loudly and lets the United States Army know just how critical Fort Jackson, our soldiers, their families, civilian employees and our military partners are to our nation's defense and the greater Midlands community.

Help us prove that we are the
"Most Military Friendly Community in America"

U.S. Army Community Listening Session

Thursday,
February 26, 2015

Shandon Baptist Church

5250 Forest Dr.
Columbia, SC 29206

Agenda

2 PM Doors Open

Musical Entertainment

3 PM Program

w/ Governor Haley

4 PM Comments from the
General Public

Let us know if we
can count on you!

tinyurl.com/SaveOurFort

there is no cost to attend

For More Information:

columbiachamber.com

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colascchamber.wordpress.com

facebook.com/ColumbiaChamber



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Lifesavers Blood Drive

LIFE SAVER

American Red Cross

5th Annual Columbia Lifesavers Blood Drive

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, February 27

7 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

To schedule your donation appointment, please visit
redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.



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Sponsored by Mayor Steve Benjamin, the City of Columbia and the American Red Cross S.C. Region Board of Directors



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Meetings

DATE/TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
March 10 at 10am	City Council Water and Sewer Work Session	1737 Main Street Council Chambers



City Media

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